PROGRESS REPORT ONE

Introduction

Albacon II is the 34th Annual UK Science-fiction Convention. It will be held in Glasgow's Central Station Hotel over the Easter weekend of 1983, and will attract up to 1,000 Members.

We will offer a full Main Programme, Alternative Programme, Video Programme, and Fan Programme, as well as Art Show, Computer Room, Wargaming Room and, last but not least, a Dealers Room. Add to these attractions good Bar facilities and a friendly Hotel and we reckon that we've got an Eastercon that will offer something to everybody.

Guests

Guest of Honour at Albacon II is *James White*. He is familiar both as a fan and an author, and his tall presence has been noted at nearly all the Cons held in Glasgow to date. Author of the *Sector General* stories (many of which have recently seen reissue in US editions) and of many other novels and short stories, he remains affable and readily approachable (so long as you're of a height not below six feet!). Accompanying *James White* will be his wife, *Peggy*; both come from Belfast.

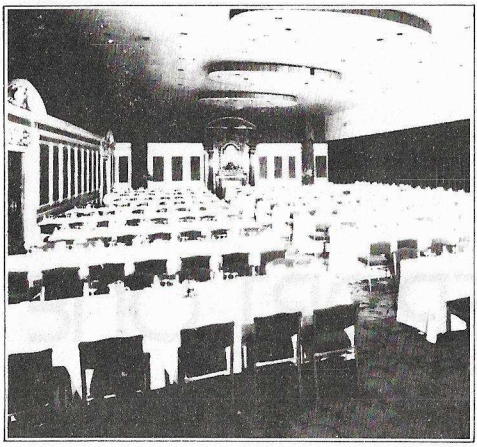
Special Guest is Fantasy writer *Tanith Lee*. Author of many short stories and novels, she remains less known in this country than in the US. She isn't a regular attendee of Eastercons, but hopefully will be after coming to Albacon II.

Joint Fan Guests of Honour will be the winners of the latest TAFF and GUFF bids. More details of both these fannish good causes will be found in PR2, as will further information about our two main guests.

The Central Hotel

Site of Albacon II is the Central Station Hotel. It offers ample space for Albacon's many Programmes and a wide selection of types of bedroom accommodation. The Hotel function rooms are located on two adjacent floors linked by a broad staircase, and after just over a hundred years of life the building is unlikely to collapse around even the most enjoyable of room parties!

The Central hosts Glasgow's Faircon in July this year and so by the time of Albacon in April 1983 the Hotel Staff and Management should be well used to the activities of SF Fans!



Function Rooms vary in size from the Banqueting Hall (site of the *Main Programme*) which seats 600 down to the rather more intimate confines of the Douglas Room, seating 50. A list of Function-Rooms is given below, and a map of the Hotel showing their relative locations and proposed use will be published in a later Progress Report.

Bedroom accommodation varies in terms of price and quality, with a Single Room with Bathroom costing more than a share of a Triple without Bathroom. A full listing of Bedroom rates and facilities is also given below. All prices include Full Breakfast, Service and VAT; there are no hidden 'extras'. The Central has 211 Bedrooms with 303 beds, and overflow accommodation in the nearby North British Hotel is available at the same rates as in the Central. Further negotiations subsequent to winning the Bid for Eastercon in 1983 have in fact reduced the cost of staying in the Central. If you stay in a Twin with Bathroom on an additional bed you will be charged *only* the cost of Breakfast - £4.00 - in the morning! Triple rooms normally have no bathrooms, so in effect a Triple with Bathroom is being offered at £29.00 for three people. Remember, however, that there are only limited numbers of these rooms so BOOK EARLY!

Hotel Booking forms have been included with this Progress Report and should be returned at once to the hotel, NOT to Albacon II's address. Rooms will be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis.

Day Accommodation	Conference capacity	
Banqueting Hall	102' x 45'	600
Kintyre Suite	81' x 44'	450
Carradale Room	50' x 28'	140
Clydesdale Room	28' x 21'	50
Douglas Room	18' x 18'	50
Montrose Suite	36' x 17'	35
Arran Suite	50' x 19'	100

Night Accommodation		
211 Bedrooms	Singles	Double/Twin
303 beds	123	81

Single Room (without bath)	£12.50
Single Room with shower	£15.00
Single Room with bath	£15.00
Double Room (without bath)	£10.00 (each sharing)
Double Room with bath	£14.00 (each sharing)
Twin Room (without bath)	£10.00 each sharing
Twin Room with bath	£12.50 each sharing
Triple Room (without bath)	£9.00 each sharing
Triple Room - as Twin with bath - 3rd person stays free, pays for breakfast	£4.00

Food and Drink

As well as the formal Banquet we have arranged for the Central to provide snack-type food at various times of the day and evening. These times will be shown in prominent positions at Albacon, and the choice will be generally similar (and at similar prices) to that on offer at Faircon '82. Faircon's snacks are shown in the box below, and are typical of the selection and prices that you should expect.

More formal meals may be had within the Hotel at the Malmaison Restaurant, where a fine selection of good food may be had at moderate prices.

Outside the Central lies the centre of Glasgow, and as might be expected there is a wide choice of eating establishments. Locally, there are a number of Chinese Restaurants, Wimpy Bars, and pubs selling snacks. Slightly further away are an even

wider selection of restaurants. If you enjoy curries then Gibson Street's Shish Mahal is highly thought of, and there are other fine restaurants in other parts of the city. A listing of some of these will be published in either PR3 or at Albacon itself.

If you really dislike food then you can always try the BR Buffet in Central Station....

Grapefruit Cocktail 60p
Soup du Jour 50p
Brussels Pate 60p

Beefburger Rolls with Relish £1.25
Curried Chicken with Rice £1.25
Pizza Napolitain £1.25
Sweet & Sour Pork with Rice £1.25
Veal & Ham Pie with Pickle & Coleslaw £1.25
Fillet of Smoked Mackerel & Mixed Salad £1.25

Apple Pie & Cream 75p
Scotch Trifle & Ice Cream 75p

Cheese: Cheddar, Edam, Danish Blue 20p

Bread Roll & Butter 20p
Tea 25p
Coffee 30p

The Central offers a selection of Bars to Albacon Members. As well as the permanent American Bar (located outside the Main Con Hall) there will be two other Bars. One will be adjacent to the Alternative Programme area and will be the main Con Bar; the other will be outside the Fan Room. The latter Bar will offer a slightly smaller stock than the main Bar.

Drink prices cannot be guaranteed in the present economic climate; the current tariff shows prices of 62p per pint of McEwans Heavy, and 66p per pint of Lager. Whisky costs 72p per fifth gill measure, and Coke 30p per bottle. There will be real ale at one of the Bars.

Bar opening hours will be from 11 am through to 4 am each day, subject to breaks for clearing up etc as required. The Hotel have been warned of the amount of trade to expect, and hopefully will believe us this time!

Eastercon in 1984

It costs good money and much effort to organise the distribution of fliers and to put together an effective mailing list. Albacon II, is - by definition - going to be forwarding material (PRs etc) to all Members of Eastercon in 1983. So we'd like to offer the following facility to any (serious) Eastercon Bids:

Send us A5 sheets with details of your Bid and we'll distribute them to everyone on our mailing with either PR2 or PR3. Alternatively, you can stuff our Membership packages with a flier on the Thursday of Albacon. Interested?

Our offer is open to any genuine Eastercon Bid (Rockcon and Cashcon Committees please note) and is intended as a gesture to both reduce the hassle of getting a Bid together and to make sure that your message gets across to as many people as possible....

Write now to *Bob Jewett* with your proposals. Standard deadlines as shown for advertising apply.

The Fan Room - by Jim Barker

"Deja vu": the sudden paranoid feeling that having done something silly in the recent past ... you're bloody well doing it again!

Funny, it only seems like a year since I was stunning Fandom with my plans for the Channelcon Fan Room, and bless me, here I am again telling you all about my plans for the Albacon II Fan Room. Don't worry, after Albacon I shall slip back into obscurity and some other masochist can have the fun of doing the job in 1984.

People have been kind enough to make favourable remarks about the Channelcon Fan Room, and since I'm not about to mess with a reasonably successful formula, the plan for Albacon II is: The same, but better! Again, the room will be based around the theme of "The Fannish Year" and I'm looking for volunteers to provide reports and especially photographs of the years fannish events; conventions, parties, outings, special talks. If you think your fellow fans might be interested in something, I want to know about it. I can't promise to use everything I'm sent but I want plenty of display material to distract your attention when there's no programme item on.

It's far too early yet to start thinking seriously about the programme, though I've got a few things percolating away. I don't know if we can repeat the success of "The Great Pork Pie Race" but there will be something equally as silly. Quite a lot of things, actually...

And this is where you come in. I want feedback. As I say, the Albacon II Fan Room will be largely based on the Channelcon one, and I'm interested in your ideas about what I did right or wrong there. Which items and ideas should be repeated

A pork pie on the wing (almost)....

or discarded (I promise that the Albacon II displays won't be 8ft off the ground...) If you have any ideas for new programme items, anything ... please get in touch.

One thing I really want to know about is your reaction to the Fanzine Index. Was it a worthwhile exercise? It's a lot of work, but if there's a favourable response, I'll try to persuade the committee to do another one this year.

I can be reached at: 113 Windsor Road, Falkirk, Stirlingshire FK1 5DB Central Scotland. Tel: 0324 35452.

Jim Barker

Publications

Albacon II will publish a further two Progress Reports, as well as the Convention Programme Book at Albacon itself. The Progress Reports will be published in November 1982 and February 1983, and will contain news of our plans and various other items of information. We'll publish our Membership list additions in our second and third Progress Reports, and our full listing in the Programme Book.

All three Progress Reports will be similar in format to this one, and budgetary considerations will define the eventual format of the Programme Book - if possible we'll try to produce something more attractive than the boring old A5 booklets normally seen.

Again depending on finance, we will consider the publication of separate bibliographies of our guest authors.

Contributions of articles for inclusion in either the Albacon PRs, Programme Book, or elsewhere, are invited. If you have something to say that would be of interest to the Members of Albacon II then write to *Bob Shaw* as soon as possible.

Advertising/Sponsorship

Albacon II seeks advertising from all sources. We invite sponsorship of events, etc, and we're very open to offers involving cash!

Advertising costs as shown in the box below. All material should be forwarded to us by the dates shown. Artwork should be camera-ready (eg screened if photographs are part of your advert) and sized to fit on an A4 sheet with 1cm margins all round, or pro-rata. All artwork will be returned with the publication your advert appears in.

Advertising Costs -

Progress Reports:

Professional rate	Fan rate
£20.00 per page	£16.00 per page
£12.00 ½ page	£9.00 ½ page
£7.00 ¼ page	£5.00 ¼ page

Copy dates:

Progress Report 2 - 1 October 1982
Progress Report 3 - 1 January 1983

Programme Book:

Professional rate	Fan rate
£25.00 per page	£20.00 per page
£15.00 ½ page	£12.00 ½ page
£9.00 ¼ page	£7.00 ¼ page

Back cover of Programme Book - £30.00
Inside covers - £25.00 each

Copy date:
1 January 1983

We are also willing to distribute advertising fliers for a nominal sum - write for details if you're interested. Copy dates for printed adverts apply to fliers also.

Membership Rates

Several forms of Membership exist. These are: *Pre-Supporting Membership, Supporting Membership, Full Attending Membership,* and *Day Membership.* Only Supporting and Full Attending Membership are available at present.

Pre-Supporting Members are those who paid us £1.00 prior to the successful Albacon II Bid at Channelcon. Their payments financed our mailings, Bid Reports, and posters etc. Pre-Supporting Members may reduce their payment to convert to Supporting or Full Attending Membership by the sum that they paid us prior to the Bid being won. Luckless Metrocon supporters may likewise take credit for the amount they paid to the Metrocon Bid Committee.

Pre-Supporting Members will have this mailing and no more sent to them unless they either Support or take out Full Attending Membership.

Supporting Membership entitles the Member to have sent to him all current Albacon publications. It also freezes his eventual cost of conversion to Full Attending Membership at the rate current when he Supported.

Full Attending Membership is required if you propose to actually come to Albacon II. You can pay the balance between Supporting and Full at any time, even at the door, and - of course - you can also take out Full Attending Membership at any time. Full Attending Members are sent all current publications prior to Albacon, and pick up a package at the door containing the Programme Books etc.

Children under five gain free access to Albacon II; over that age they must pay the full adult rate. Dealers must pay Memberships for their staff.

Membership rates are as below.

Full Attending Membership	
to 1 December 1982	£8.00
to 20 March 1983	£9.00
Supporting Membership	
to 1 December 1982	£4.00
to 20 March 1983	£5.00

Balance to Full Attending from Supporting Membership is *always* £4.00. Day Memberships will only be available at Albacon itself. Postal applications for Membership will NOT be accepted after 20th March 1983; after that date all Memberships will be at the at-the-door rate of £5.00 per day or £10.00 per weekend.

Membership Records

Both Faircon '82 and Albacon II are making use of a computer to keep track of Memberships and addresses. In addition, the computer is being used to print out the mailing labels and envelopes used for distribution of the Progress Reports.

The computer - an Apple II - will be at the Convention, and you'll be able to personally confirm your details if you so desire. We realise that some individuals may wish to have their addresses etc kept private, and so if you specifically desire that the record we keep is deleted then we'll do so.

It is the normal practice to give the following Eastercon the full listing of names and addresses in order that they may send out their first Progress Report; if you delete your name then you won't be sent anything. Naturally, we expect very few deletions!

We won't provide copies of our listing to any commercial organisation or to any 'fringe' groups so if the AA, Reader's Digest, and the Church of Scientology start to bother you then don't blame us!

If your name is spelt wrongly, or your address is incorrect, then write to us and we'll change things. Surprising as it may seem, telepathy is not an attribute of our Membership Secretary, and, regretfully, nor is the ability to read terrible handwriting. Please therefore type or print any change of address details that you send him.

Several individuals on this first published listing of Albacon II Members may be the victims of duplication. Some Metrocon Pre-Supporters subsequently took out Albacon II Membership without telling us that they were also on the Metrocon list, and some went so far as to Pre-Support Albacon II as well! If you are numbered among such enthusiastic supporters of Eastercon then please tell us if you find multiple entries on our listing.

Wargaming

A room will be set aside for wargaming in, and D&D will be played by a crack team of hand-picked adventurers. Novice games and a display (thanks to the Scottish Wargames Club) will be mounted. If you're interested in participating then follow the low moans to the lowest level of the Central's nethermost sub-basement, turn right, left, down the tunnel, and ....

MEMBERSHIP LISTING
DOUG McCALLUM

ALL MEMBERS

1	JIM	WHITE (A)	51	STUART	ANDREWS (S)	101	MARINA J A	HOLROYD (S)
2	PEGGY	WHITE (A)	52	URBAN	GUNNARSSON (A)	102	PETER	WAREHAM (A)
3	TANITH	LEE (A)	53	HANS	LOOSE (A)	103	CHRIS	BURSEY (A)
4			54	IAN	WILLIAMS (A)	104	DEREK	HOLT (S)
5		TAFF WINNER (A)	55	AANDI	INSTON (S)	105	JOHN	FOSTER (A)
6		GUFF WINNER (A)	56	MARCUS L	ROWLAND (S)	106	JOANNE	LEWIS (A)
7			57	SIMON MARK	DE WOLFE (A)	107	ROGER	PERKINS (A)
8			58	DAVE G	THOMAS (A)	108	MARTIN	EASTERBROOK (A)
9	BOB	JEWETT (A)	59	RICHARD	BRANDSHAFT (A)	109	MARGARET	AUSTIN (A)
10	DOUGLAS	MCCALLUM (A)	60	LARS	STRANDBERG (A)	110	GERALD	BISHOP (A)
11	DAVE	ELLIS (A)	61	KJELL	BORGSTROM (A)	111	DAVE	LANGFORD (S)
12	NEIL	CRAIG (A)	62	VALERIE	HOUSDEN (A)	112	HAZEL	LANGFORD (S)
13	BOB	SHAW (A)	63	MIKE	WIGLEY (A)	113	M	SACHS (S)
14	HENRY	BALEN (S)	64	MRS MIKE	WIGLEY (A)	114	PHILIP A	JORDAN (A)
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16	FRANCES J	NELSON (A)	66	JEANNE-MARI	FERON (A)	116	DUNCAN	BOOTH (A)
17	MIKE	MOLLOY (A)	67	JOHN D	OLSEN (S)	117	KATE	DAVIES (S)
18	CHRIS	O'KANE (A)	68	MIKE	FORD (A)	118	MALCOLM	DAVIES (S)
19	JOAN	PATERSON (A)	69	ROGER	ROBINSON (A)	119	MIC	ROGERS (A)
20	JIM	BARKER (A)	70	IAN F	LIGHTBOWN (S)	120	NEIL J	MACKIE (S)
21	IAN	SORENSEN (A)	71	ANTHONY	JOHNSTON (A)	121	MIKE	WESTHEAD (A)
22	MARTIN	HOARE (A)	72	PETER	DAY (A)	122	KATHY	WESTHEAD (A)
23	LINDA	WATT (S)	73	PAUL R.	DORMER (A)	123	1/2 R	CRUTTENDEN (A)
24	CARLA	SALVETA (S)	74	PAUL C.	WILSON (A)	124	PHIL	BARNARD (A)
25	VINCENT J	DOCHERTY (S)	75	TIM	ILLINGWORTH (A)	125	PHIL	PALMER (A)
26	HELEN JOY	HIBBERT (A)	76	JOHN	STEWARD (A)	126	CHRISSIE	LOVETT (A)
27	DAVE	ROWLEY (A)	77	JOHN	HARVEY (A)	127	STEVE	LOVETT (A)
28	ANN	HIBBERT (S)	78	EVE	HARVEY (A)	128	GEORGE	CLARKE (A)
29	SIMON	RUDYK (S)	79	GRAHAM	HEAD (A)	129	COLIN	FINE (A)
30	BARBARA	RUDYK (S)	80	ANNEMARIE	KINDT (A)	130	PAUL	KINCAID (A)
31	HOWARD	ROSENBLUM (A)	81	LEO	KINDT (A)	131	STEPHEN	DAVIES (A)
32	ROBERTA	GRAY (A)	82	STEVEN	LAWSON (A)	132	JANET	LOMAS (A)
33	JOHN	WILKES (A)	83	TOM	TAYLOR (S)	133	ANN	MCPHAIL (A)
34	JOHN	STEWART (A)	84	TERRY	HUNT (S)	134	STEVE	GREEN (A)
35	JUNE	MCGAW (A)	85	JOSE	BERNARD (A)	135	DAVE	HADEN (S)
36	OWEN	WHITEOAK (A)	86	KATIE	HOARE (A)	136	ALEXANDER	BROWN (A)
37	ROB	JACKSON (A)	87	KEVIN	SMITH (A)	137	HELEN	BROWN (A)
38	CORAL	JACKSON (A)	88	MARY	BURNS (A)	138	LARRY	VAN DER PUTTE (A)
39	DULCIE	JACKSON (A)	89	BILL	BURNS (A)	139	PAUL A	STEWART (A)
40	ALAN	DOREY (A)	90	ED	BUCKLEY (A)	140	MIKE	HEARN (A)
41	ROCHELLE	DOREY (A)	91	IAIN	DICKSON (S)	141	EDWARD	WARD (A)
42	ROGER	EARNSHAW (A)	92	PAUL	VINCENT (A)	142	MIKE	WALSHE (A)
43	JERRY	ELSMORE (A)	93	RORY O	MCLEAN (A)	143	PAUL	ANNIS (S)
44	DAVID	GREEN (S)	94	IAN	SHEPPARD (A)	144	ELISE	PECHERSKY (A)
45	JOHN	JARROLD (S)	95	STAN	ELING (A)	145	F C	MANN (S)
46	WILLIAM D	ANDERSON (S)	96	HELEN	ELING (A)	146	WENDY	GLOVER (A)
47	HARRY	BELL (A)	97	MARK	CRASKE (A)	147	JOHN G.	DALLMAN (A)
48	M KEVIN	WILLIAMS (A)	98	ANN	PEGRUM (A)	148	MICHAEL	DAMESICK (S)
49	MIKE A	HAMILTON (A)	99	FRANK R	SMITH (A)	149	J	VAUX (S)
50	LISANNE	NORMAN (S)	100	EEF	HARTMAN (S)	150	PETER B	BELL (A)

151	SAMUEL	MCKAY (S)	173	HOWARD	SINGERMAN (A)	195	JIM	GALLAGHER (A)
152	CHRISTINA	LAKE (A)	174	CHRIS	DAVENPORT (A)	196	PETE	RANDALL (A)
153	BARRY	TWYCROSS (S)	175	JIM	DARROCH (A)	197	LCPL	VAN EERDE (S)
154	MATTHEW	SHACKLE (A)	176	ALISON	COOK (A)	198	HAZEL	ASHWORTH (A)
155	RAY	THOMPSON (A)	177	ANTHONY	PRENDERGAST (A)	199	MAL	ASHWORTH (A)
156	GRAHAM	CHARNOCK (A)	178	M V	WILLIAMS (A)	200	ADAM	JEFFORD (S)
157	TONY	BERRY (A)	179	JOHN	STAINTON (A)	201	KEVIN	AUSTIN (A)
158	PASCAL J	THOMAS (S)	180	CAROLINE	MULLEN (A)	202	T R	ROBINSON (A)
159	KAY	ALLAN (A)	181	TONY	CULLEN (A)	203	G D	GIBSON (A)
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162	TONY	CHESTER (A)	184	DAVE	ROW (A)	206	A	RICHARDSON (A)
163	ROBERT	SHEDDON (A)	185	BRIAN	AMERINGEN (S)	207	CLARE	CONEY (A)
164	JON	MAY (A)	186	JONATHON	COXHEAD (S)	208	PAUL	DENBINA (A)
165	ROY	MACKINSKI (A)	187	JOSEPH	NICHOLAS (A)	209	COLIN	WIGHTMAN (A)
166	MICKEY	POLAND (A)	188	JUDITH	HANNA (A)	210	ETHEL	LINDSAY (A)
167	MARTIN	REED (A)	189	DAVE	LERMIT (A)	211	LINDA	BAGLEY (S)
168	RICHARD	KENNAWAY (S)	190		TIBS (S)	212	GEORGE	TERNANT (S)
169	BRIAN	SMITH (A)	191	JONATHAN	COWIE (A)	213	JAN HOWARD	FINDER (A)
170	CYNTHIA	NORTH (A)	192	KEN	THOMPSON (S)	214	PAUL	PAOLINI (A)
171	TONY	ROGERS (A)	193	DAVID R	SMITH (A)	215	C N	ENGLAND (A)
172	SIMON	BERESFORD (A)	194	MORAG	GILMORE (A)			

Pre-Supporting Members who have yet to take out Full or Supporting Membership.

GEOFF	COX (P)	S J	GREEN (P)	JACKIE	ROBINSON (P)
GRAHAM	JAMES (P)	COLIN	GREENLAND (P)	DAVID	ROW (P)
RUSSELL	AITKEN (P)	PETER	HAMILTON (P)	MIKE	SCANTLEBURY (P)
ARNOLD	AKIEN (P)	JULIAN	HEADLONG (P)	AUDREY	SHEARS (P)
JOHN	ALLARDYCE (P)	BRIAN	HENNIGAN (P)	NICK	SHEARS (P)
RICHARD	ALLEN (P)	KEVIN	HENWOOD (P)	KEN	SLATER (P)
JAMES	ARMSTRONG (P)	DAVE	HICKS (P)	RAY	SMITH (P)
MARGARET	BANKS (P)	JOHN	HOLBURN (P)	RICHARD	SMITH (P)
ANDREW	BENNETT (P)	PHIL	JAMES (P)	ANJE	STEWART (P)
RON	BENNETT (P)	CHRIS	JENNINGS (P)	JOHN	STEWART (P)
GEORGE	BONDAR (P)	BILL	KANE (P)	LINDA	STRICKLER (P)
ALLEN	BOYD-NEWTON (P)	NAVEED	KHAN (P)	JEFF	SUTER (P)
GINA	BURGESS (P)	PADDY	LEAHY (P)	DAVE	SYMES (P)
DAVID	CARLILE (P)	CHRIS	LEWIS (P)	FAY	SYMES (P)
JIM	CAUTHORN (P)	PETE	LYON (P)	MARTYN	TAYLOR (P)
CHUCK	CONNOR (P)	KEN	MANN (P)	NICK	TRANT (P)
ROY OSCAR	DALGLIESH (P)	J	MURNIN (P)	STEVIE	TURNBULL (P)
BOB	DAY (P)	PETER	NICHOLLS (P)	PAUL	TURNER (P)
ELSIE VOGON	DONALD (P)	PAUL	OLDROYD (P)	LISA	TUTTLE (P)
CHRIS	DONALDSON (P)	MARTIN	ORMOND (P)	A W A	WATKINS (P)
GRAHAM	ENGLAND (P)	REG	PALMER (P)	ASHLEY	WATKINS (P)
CHRIS	EVANS (P)	DAROLL	PARDOE (P)	ROB	WELBOURN (P)
KEVIN	FLOOD (P)	RO	PARDOE (P)	KEV	WILLIAMS (P)
K R	FRANKS (P)	CELIA	PARSONS (P)	SUE	WILLIAMS (P)
GWEN	FUNNELL (P)	MAUREEN	PORTER (P)		
DAVE	GARNETT (P)	DAI	PRICE (P)		
WILLIAM T	GOODALL (P)	DAVE	RAGGETT (P)		
AL	GRAY (P)	GEOFF	RIPPINGTON (P)		
F J	GRAY (P)	JIMMY	ROBERTSON (P)	82 RECORDS SELECTED	

The Programme

Our Programme will take place in a number of different locations throughout the Central Hotel. We will have a Main Programme, Alternative Programme, Fan Programme, and Video Programme.

The Main Programme takes place in the 600-seat Banqueting Hall on the Hotel's first floor. It will feature major talks, panels, and films, as well as formal set pieces such as the Fancy Dress Show and so forth. We'll try to keep all the really popular items for the Main Programme, and in any case we will arrange our Programme so that there are always a number of alternatives open to you.

On the same floor will be found the Alternative Programme and Video Programme, as well as the Main Con Bar and Dealers Room. Both the Alternative Programme and the Video Programme rooms can seat 225 people in comfort. The Alternative Programme will feature minority interest talks, panels, and films, and will be the location of the Banquet. The Video Programme will provide more-or-less non stop video on large screen TVs.

The Fan Programme takes place one flight up from the other Programmes, and can cope with up to 100. A Bar will be set up beside the Fan Room. On the same level as the Fan Room are a number of smaller rooms where various smaller attractions will be located. Among these will be the Computer Room, Wargaming Room, and Art Show.

If the Central's somewhat old TV system permits, then we'll also show video and perhaps even the Programme through all the bedroom TVs. We'd like to offer a channel of continuous teletext details of the Programme etc, although this ambitious notion (called CORACLE by *Martin Hoare* - Convention ORACLE!) may be too much for the Hotel to cope with!

Computer Room

There will be a Computer Room at Albacon II. In common with various other Conventions, we've discovered that there is a considerable interest in such machines among SF enthusiasts. We'll have as wide a range of computers as possible, and as many good programs as we can get. If you want to loan us machines, programs, or your time, then get in touch with *Doug McCallum* c/ o Albacon as soon as possible. Albacon will carry insurance for computers loaned to us. Past experience shows that the Computer Room is very popular, and we'll do our best to regulate use of the most sought-after machines and programs.

Dealers Room

Dealers are invited to attend Albacon II. The Dealers Room measures a very comfortable 50' x 28' (1400 ft²) and will provide ample space for the number of dealers expected to turn up. We carry basic insurance on the Dealers Room which will cover most normal goods; if you have particularly valuable goods then let us know and we'll arrange extra insurance cover. The Dealers Room is fully secure at night, and is located in a good position during the day: next to the Main Con Bar!

Tables cost £12.00 each or three for £27.00, and will require to be paid for at Albacon II or - preferably - in advance. Receipts will be provided for all tables, Memberships etc as required. As is our usual policy, assistance in loading and unloading will be provided. Car parking for unloading only is possible for a very brief period outside the Hotel; let us know when you arrive and we'll get your goods indoors as soon as possible.

Neil Craig is responsible for the Dealers Room, and he should be contacted at Photon Books, 200 Woodlands Road, Kelvinbridge, Glasgow G3 6LN tel (041) 333 0784 or 552 8138 (24 hrs).

Dealers must, of course, be Members of the Convention.

A message from the other lot

As chairman of the Metrocon bid for Eastercon '83 (not dead but sleeping), I congratulate you on winning the voting this Easter. Many thanks on behalf of all our supporters for allowing the full presupporting discount to Metrocon as well as Albacon presupporters: a nice gesture indeed. When our tame accountant *Kevin Smith* has prepared his three volume set of Metrocon bid accounts, with the seven appendices, we shall of course pass on all remaining cash to Albacon II. As the departing European administrator of TAFF, I'm also pleased that Albacon will (as Metrocon also planned) be naming the 1983 TAFF delegate as a fan guest of honour. Enthusiasm in the USA is currently high, and I think you'll get a fine fan sent over. Good for you. We hope that all goes well for Albacon II, and that ex-Metrocon committee member *Martin Hoare* is as much of an ornament to your organisation as he was to ours! Good luck, anyway: as with every committee running an Eastercon in these days of hugeness, you'll need it.

David Langford

Author of *"The Space Eater"* (*"Triffic"* - *Ansible)*

Travel

Assuming there remains a railway system by next Easter, we will arrange a cheap fares deal and distribute details in Progress Report 2. Typical reductions available are of the order of 30%, and it may be that special deals from your home areas will equal or better this offer. Main line trains from the south terminate at Central Station, while eastern trains come to the nearby Queen Street Station (site of one overflow Hotel, The North British Hotel). A regular and cheap bus link connects both railway stations.

Road travel to Glasgow is reasonably simple, with Motorway access right into the city centre. Parking is almost non-existent at the Central, although it should be remembered that the holiday weekend will afford ample opportunity to park in nearby streets. NCP car parks abound, and parking (albeit expensive) is possible in Central Station. Most office blocks in nearby Waterloo Street also have car parks behind them.

Glasgow has an airport located outside the city which handles domestic and European flights; in addition, Prestwick Airport in Ayrshire is a major intercontinental airport. Buses and taxis offer quick access to Glasgow from either airport.

Transport within Glasgow is reasonably easy to obtain. Taxis abound, and even buses are sometimes seen. Visitors should make every effort to sample Glasgow's new Underground system, which goes round, and round, and round....

Two main Bus Stations are to be found within easy walking distance of the Central, and both of these are the destinations of both local and distant bus services. Bus travel from the south is generally cheaper than rail.

Car Sharing

If you want passengers or a place in a car then write in and, if demand justifies it, we'll either put people directly in touch with each other or publish a listing in a later PR. See the Membership form for more details.

Safety

Albacon II will adopt a strict policy towards safety. We are aware of the general difficulties associated with hundreds of slightly inebriated fans liberally mixed with darkness, trailing cables, and false fire alarms. Firm efforts will be made to make Albacon II a safe Convention, and we'll take pains to make clear to you fire exits etc. If you see anything dangerous (except for *Brian Burgess*'s pork pies) then tell the Committee or the Hotel staff as soon as you can.

We will be particularly careful with regard to weapons enthusiasts. The recent proliferation of individuals carrying swords and battleaxes and so forth is not looked on favourably by the Committee, and such persons will be required to accept *our* rules as to *their* behaviour or else depart. More details about this and other aspects of safety will be given in a later Progress Report.

Creche

If you are interested in bringing children to Albacon II then you may be interested in a creche. We need organisers and children, and we need firm ideas as to requirements as soon as possible. It has to be said that any previous attempts to organise a creche at Glasgow Cons have been total failures, as no-one has made any gesture of interest towards the idea. If you're interested, then get in touch. Again, see the Membership form for details. Naturally, should the response be as poor as usual then we'll allocate rooms and funds to other uses and so if you turn up at the door expecting a creche and haven't contacted us then you'll be disappointed....

The Business Meeting

As well as a Bidding Session for the 1984 Eastercon we will hold an Albacon II Business Meeting. We'd like to hear your comments and complaints, and any suggestions that you have about future Con organising. Business Meetings can be a great success - Faircon '81 saw our Main Programme packed with an attentive audience even on the Monday afternoon, and the Albacon II Committee picked up a number of interesting points at the Channelcon Business Meeting this year. If you have a particular point that you want to make, then come along.

Faircon '82

Glasgow's sixth SF Convention will be held in the Central over the weekend of 23rd to 26th July this year, and will be very much a 'trial run' for Albacon II. We hope to iron out as many difficulties as possible before our Eastercon, and at the same time run an enjoyable and worthwhile Con.

Guest of Honour at Faircon '82 is *Harry Harrison*; Special Guest is *Naomi Mitchison*.

Registration costs £9.00 until July the 15th, when it rises to the at-the-door rate of £10.00. Full details are available from *Bob Shaw* 2/L244 West Princes Street, Kelvinbridge, Glasgow G4 9DP.

Channelcon PR5

Included in this first Albacon II mailing you will find Channelcon's fifth Progress Report. It contains final comments on Eastercon in 1982 by the organising Committee, and is well worth reading. Such post Con reports have been published irregularly in the past, and - finances willing - Albacon II will continue what looks like becoming a tradition. Limited numbers of the first Albacon Report, published after Albacon 80, are still available from Albacon (priced at 50p plus A5 SAE). Also enclosed you'll find a flier for Unicon 3 in September 1982.

Addresses

PLEASE NOTE -

BOB SHAW is no longer a member of the ALBACON II Committee.

We would like to thank Bob for all the good work he has done for Glasgow Conventions.

Please address all communications (except Hotel bookings) to -

ALBACON II
c/o Doug McCallum
B/L 8 Highburgh Road
Glasgow G12 9YD

This is the seventh Progress Report [illegible] from phototypeset material. Such a means of production, when allied with good-quality litho printing, offers the ability to pack a lot of information into a small space very economically indeed. Faircon '81 and '82 have both seen extensive use of phototypesetting, and all indications so far are that you - the Members - think that we're making use of a good means of reproduction. If you disagree, or if you want to comment on any aspect of the Progress Report, then write to me and if space and response permit then we'll run a regular letter column in following issues. Perhaps we should run a 'spot the typo' competition - you're sure to do better than the Albacon II Committee!

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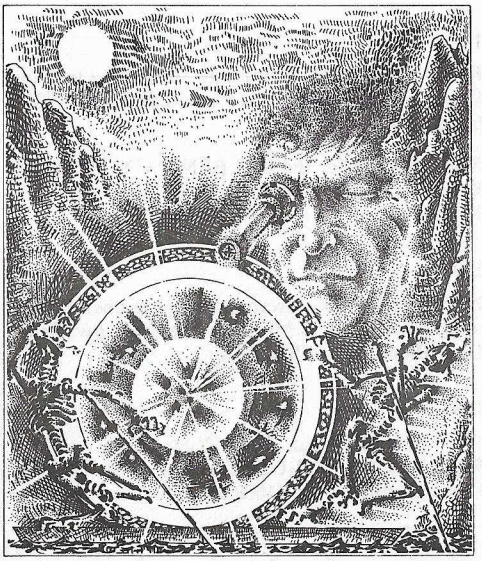
BRAN PUNT!

GRAHAM HEAD

Farren edged his head over the lip of the canyon. Down below, the brown water of the river rolled uncaringly past. To his left, upstream and out of sight lay the alien village. He could imagine the proud parents decking out their helpless children in gaudy colours in preparation for the arrival of the barge.

That barge would never arrive if Farren's aim was good.

And without the barge, of course, the children would never grow up. They would remain larvae; white, tentacled, helpless slugs. White and tentacled and helpless. And omniescient. Well - not precisely, but as good as. Each of the slimy quivering forms that even now their concerned parents would be cleaning and laying on the riverbank had trapped in its strange brain every single memory of every single one of its ancestors. And the race was very, very old. So much memory was, of course, too much memory; the children of the aliens had no critical powers - they couldn't distinguish between the important and the trivial. Knowing too much, they lay in grip of their memories and did nothing. They merely grew large, cared for by the adults, and waited for the barge.



For the barge contained grain that would kick off the next stage in the development of the young aliens. After ingesting even a small amount of the foodstuff a tiny gland would begin to secrete a complex hormone which brought about subtle changes in the alien brain. The young would begin - slowly and haltingly, over many months - to learn new skills. They would begin, eventually, when the change was nearly complete, to be able to summarise what they knew - to abbreviate their own private store of accumulated ancestral knowledge. Each would have their own individual synopsis to work with. And they would be intelligent and knowledgeable alien adults. Who were a threat to man, and should thus be killed.

The reverse was true of the larvae. Man could use their powerful, helpless brains as living computers of enormous capacity. And so people like Farren fought the adults and tried to break the spirit of the race, and yet keep as many of the larvae alive as possible. Mostly, by destroying the grain that let the children grow. The fields had been razed, the warehouses destroyed and now the only stores of bran were to be found in the boats and barges that sailed the rivers of this world, such as -

Such as the one that now came into sight around a bend in the river below.

To call it a barge was really a bit of a misnomer; it was wide and flat-bottomed and was being poled upstream by adult aliens on both sides of the craft. The sailors looked festive and happy as Farren pulled the trigger.

The micro-nuke hit the prow of the boat dead-centre. After the blast greasy smoke roiled up where the boat had been and tidal waves roared in both directions along the river. Farren's thin lips pulled back in a feral grin of pleasure.

After all, that was the end of the synoptic bran punt - micro'd by Farren.

KEN SLATER'S EUROCONCAL

Ken Slater regularly includes his listing of as many European SF Cons as possible in his mail-order catalogues. This listing will be a regular feature of the Albacon II Progress Reports, and if you want your Con to be represented on the next list then write to *Ken Slater,* Fantast (Medway) Ltd, 39 West Street, Wisbech, Cambs. PE13 2LX or tel (0945) 61242. Why not send him an SAE for his catalogue, too!

Aug 7-8 at the EDGE OF THE WORLD - a "Blakes 7" convention. The Bull, East Sheen, London. Registration £8, from "AT THE ENDE OF THE WORLD CON" 26 Stanlake Road, Shepherd's Bush, London W12 7HP.

Sept 3-5 BENELUXCON 9 (SFANCON 12) Fabiolahome, Gent, Belgium. Gs.o.H. include Colin Wilson, Dr. Herbert W. Franke, Manuel van Loggem, Hubert Lampo, Phillipe Curval. Attending fee 350 Bfr Bed & Breakfast at Fabiolahome is 350 Bfr per night. Write to Andre de Rycke, Eendenplasstraat 70, 9050 Evergem, Belgium.

Sept 10-12 UNICON 3 Keele U. (near Stoke-on-Trent, and a fine place for most fans including those of the dog persuasion) G.o.H. Richard Cowper, Fan G.o.H. LeRoy Kettle, and a new one - Guest Author: Robert Holdstock (I wonder what Richard Cowper does? Card tricks?) UNICON is run by a fine body of men and under the (near) control of a chairperson (Jan Huxley) who are steadfastly refusing (again) to run any more cons after this one. Be sure to attend and convince them otherwise... Up to Sept 1 attending membership is £6, to John Wilkes, Unicon 3, 18A Ivel Gardens, Biggleswade, Beds.

Oct 8-10 FANDERSONCON '82, Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, London. Details from Pam Barnes, Fanderson '82, 88A Thornton Avenue, London W4 1QQ.

Oct 9-10 ECONOMY (Shoestring 4) Hatfield Polytechnic at The Elephant House, Hatfield Polytechnic. Attending £4; to Economy, c/o 4 Ryders Avenue, Colney Heath, (Nr. Hatfield) St. Albans, Herts.

Oct 16 - FENCON, Cambridge. Until 1 Sept membership is £3.50, to Fencon, 27 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8EG.

Nov 5-7 NOVACON 12, Birmingham. Details from Novacon 12, Flat No. 2, No. 1 Broughton Road, Handsworth, Birmingham 20.

Nov 27-28 CYMRUCON II, Central Hotel, Cardiff. Attending membership £5 up to 1 Aug. to Registrations Cymrucon, 28 Claude Road, Roath, Cardiff, Wales.

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Feb 4-6 RA CON Edinburgh. Enquiries to Phil Dawson, 4/7 New John's Place, Edinburgh (031-667 5104)

X-CON a bid for the 1983 BENELUXCON from Eindhoven, spearheaded by Anne-marie and Leo Kindt.

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EUROCON BID - presupporting membership £1 to Pauline & Chris Morgan, 39 Hollybrow, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 4LK

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